



Milwaukee County

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SUP. SANFELIPPO PROPOSES COUNTY BOARD REDISTRICTING PLAN *Compromise plan would reduce County Board from 19 to 15 members*

Milwaukee, WI – Milwaukee County Supervisor Joe Sanfelippo is sponsoring a plan to reduce the County Board from 19 to 15 members. The plan was announced at a public hearing of the Milwaukee County Redistricting Committee on Friday. Federal law requires the County Board to re-draw district lines after each U.S. Census.

“Some have called for reducing the County Board to fewer than ten members, while a draft from County Staff calls for 18 members. My plan for 15 districts is a reasonable compromise worthy of consideration,” Supervisor Sanfelippo said. “A four seat reduction on the County Board mirrors the 20% reduction that has occurred in the County workforce since the last redistricting.”

The reduction, if adopted, would save taxpayers at least \$572,000 annually while maintaining proper levels of representation for Black and Hispanic residents.

“This 15-member plan meets all federal requirements and offers the same ratio of minority representation as the proposed 18-member plan offered by County Board staff,” Supervisor Sanfelippo said. “Similarly, under this plan, no resident in Milwaukee County would receive any less proportion of representation as they currently receive with 19 districts.”

The next meeting of the Redistricting Committee is scheduled for 8:00 a.m. on Thursday, April 21 in Room 203-R of the Milwaukee County Courthouse.

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